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The swain and his swainess had just encountered a bulldog who looked as if he might shake a mean lower jaw. "Why, Percy," she exclaimed as he started a strategic retreat. "You always swore you would face death for me."

"I would," he flung back over his shoulder. "But that darn dog ain't dead."—American Legion Weekly.

Attend the Aluminum Sale at the National 5-10-25c Store this week and get in on some unheard of bargains. 35-36

We believe if country sausage had a greater circulation at this time there would be more optimism.

## A DISCARDED AMBITION

By AUGUSTUS G. SHERWIN

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The most unfortunate thing that ever happened to Levi Morse was that during a two weeks' visit to the city he chanced to run across a friend who had started a detective agency. The letter discovered, or pretended to discover in him rare intuitive ability in the man hunting line. He offered Levi a half-interest in his business for \$500, made a due impression on his prospective victim with the aid of some confederates by working up a case where Levi was allowed to apparently discover some remarkable clues and make an arrest, and sent him home all fired up with the idea that he was especially born to become a famous sleuth.

His practical ruralized wife sat down on the proposed investment, hard. "They are fooling you, Levi," she declared. "You have no more predilection for the detective business than a babe. Besides, all the capital invested in our little dairy farm here is mine, and I'll not see you waste it. Drop the idea."

Which Levi did, but reluctantly. He had caught the detective fever good and strong. He never passed the town marshal but he envied his dignity and power, and when the local paper, published by an old friend, mentioned his name as a probable candidate for marshal at the next election, Levi fondly dreamed.

"You see," said the editor to Levi one day, "your wife may object to your becoming a city detective, but she shouldn't hide your ability under a bushel locally. You're bound to shine, Levi," and the latter believed it and hugged the pleasant delusion.

Levi was hanging around the printing office one day when he chanced to glance at a fresh proof of an item announcing the escape of one Dan Daly from the state penitentiary. A liberal reward was offered for his apprehension. Just beside it lay an electrotype with a proof on top of it. Levi studied the face portrayed with interest and impressed its main characteristics on his memory. He even possessed himself of a blurred impress of the cut that had been thrown aside, and thrust it into his pocket.

"I'll keep my eyes open," he resolved as he left the print shop. "Something of a feather in my cap and a big campaign argument if I happen to run across this dangerous criminal at large."

It was the very next day that, about dusk, near his home, he fixed his glance upon a man coming down the road from the electric line station. He looked respectable enough, well dressed, and had an intellectual face, but, ransacking his memory and consulting the blurred proof in his pocket, Levi could scarcely repress an exultant cry.

"It's him!" gloated the embryo marshal. "Oh, what luck! Now to nab him," and getting behind the unsuspecting wayfarer, Levi suddenly seized him by the collar and ran him through the gateway of his own yard.

"Zounds! What is this? Unhand me!" spluttered the astonished victim of Levi's rash guesswork. "I say," but Levi was not to be diverted from his stern purpose. He urged his captive over to a little brick structure used as a milk cooling room, thrust him into it, slammed the door tightly shut upon him, locked it, and started on a run for down town. There was a small grated window only at the side of the building, and at this the prisoner appeared, pale and exasperated, but it was too small for the captive to get through, so Levi felt secure as to his retention.

Levi made for the office of the marshal to impart to him the news of his remarkable catch, but the latter was not there. He began searching for him, went from place to place, and was in a vast flutter until long after dark, when he learned that the official was on a temporary visit to the next town and would return on the nine o'clock train. To put in the time he dropped into the library hall, where a lecture was in progress. At its doorway he halted and stood rooted in sheer amazement. There on the rostrum was the very man he had incarcerated in the cooling shed less than three hours previous!

It was well that his daughter Alice chanced to catch sight of her father and arose from her seat in the hall and came somewhat excitedly to him.

"Oh, papa!" she whispered. "The strangest thing!—Mr. Bertram, the lecturer! Some one assaulted him on the street and locked him up in a shed on our place. I let him out and he invited mamma and I to the hall. How queerly you act!"

And he felt so, too! It suddenly dawned upon Levi that he had com-

mitted a most egregious error. It was natural that the picture of the young and rising lecturer should appear in the newspaper, and he had taken the cut proof haphazard for that of the escaped convict.

Delancey Bertram never knew that it was the father of Alice, with whom he proceeded to fall in love, who had treated him so rudely, for he had not seen the face of his captor. And Mrs. Morse and the public never could understand how it was that Levi abruptly abandoned all intention of running for the office of town marshal.

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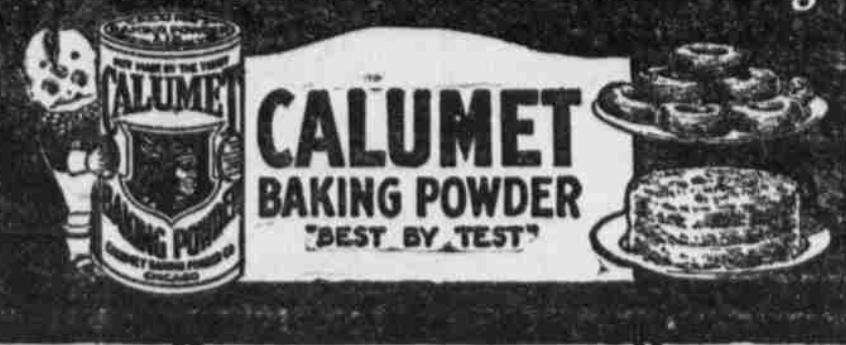
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